

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
October 12, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

BE IT KNOWN that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District was called in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on October 12, 2010, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Ronald Corkern, Attorney/Assistant Secretary
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
C.D. Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

Mark Swafford, Member

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD
Alan Sheppard, Edko
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent

Janet Jones made a Motion to supplement the agenda to add changing the time of future Board meetings to 6:00 p.m. This Motion was seconded by Doris Rogé and the Motion to amend the agenda was passed unanimously.

The minutes for the September 14, 2010 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., seconded by Janet Jones, the September minutes were unanimously approved.

The September, 2010 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On Motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Rayburn Smith, the September Financial Statement was approved.

The Maintenance Report was given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that they were bushhogging the levee for the last time. They are currently working down at Marco and will probably cut all the way to Alan Solomon's place. They have completed work on Mr. Gary Roshto's place, which included moving an old fence. In addition to cleaning the fence row on Mr. Roshto's place, there was an area where the levee had washed and they hauled in seven loads of dirt. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew would be moving to Powhatan next.

Gary Eldridge reported that advertising for bids on the lower can river flood gates had begun. There is a mandatory pre-bid meeting at Corkern's law office on October 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., and bid opening is at the next Board meeting. Eldridge also reviewed with the Board his inspection report to Karlton Methvin dated October 12, 2010 regarding the Campti-Clarence Levee and the proposed railroad gap closure. The Board requested Corkern to forward the proposed gap closure to David Dupre for approval. Mr. Eldridge further advised that he had not finished the plans on the Cane River gates, but was still working on them.

Corkern reviewed with the Board the annual audit report and advised that there were only two findings. The first finding is a technicality that the auditor agreed it would not be financially prudent for us to do anything different from what we are doing. The second finding is based upon state law that requires the Board to amend its budget if expenditures are more than 5% greater than the amount that was budgeted. For the last fiscal year our expenditures were 6.2% more than the amount budgeted, and in the future we will amend our budget when necessary. Although our expenditures exceeded our budget, they were well within the revenue received for the last fiscal year.

Corkern also discussed with the Board Todd Hampton's application for a permit to build a fence. The fence would actually be within 6' of the toe of the levee, but it would replace an old fence and there is not 6' between the toe of the levee and the adjacent highway. The old fence with the shrubs and trees would be cleaned, and a new fence that is cleaned of any shrubs or trees would be built. The DOTD has approved this permit, but we have not received a response from the Corps of Engineers. Corkern was asked to follow up with David Dupre to see if he could help move this application through a little quicker.

Corkern also advised that Mr. Vercher had requested the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District obtain a line of credit at Tractor Supply Company. The Board questioned what materials were purchased at Tractor Supply Company, to which Mr. Vercher responded it was primarily oil and hydraulic fluid. Following discussion, the Board decided that these items could probably be purchased at a lower price from other sources and Karlton Methvin volunteered to check prices.

Board Member Billy Giddens advised that he had received a call from Mr. Jones on Highway 1225 advising that we had left a pile of debris on his land where we had taken a fence down and cleaned the right of way. Mr. Vercher advised that we could not dig a hole and bury any debris unless we were at least 300' from the toe of the levee. Because of the burn ban we are not burning any debris, and most of the time we leave that to the adjacent landowner to do anyway. Mr. Vercher further advised that most of the debris belonged to Mr. Jones if he was thinking of the right place. The Board requested Mr. Vercher to go by and look at the debris and then visit with Mr. Jones and explain the situation.

Janet Jones made a Motion to change the monthly Board meetings to 6:00 p.m. beginning with the November meeting. This Motion was seconded by Doris Rogé and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Janet Jones, seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 9th day of November, 2010, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

RONALD E. CORKERN, JR.,
Attorney/Assistant Secretary